

provisions and farm products, on the 8th; sundries, on the 9th; clothing, on the 10th; books and paper, on the 11th.

PENSION OFFICE DECISION.

Rule by Mr. Bussey That Gives a Dependent Mother \$3.70 Cash and \$12 a Month.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Assistant Secretary Bussey has rendered a decision in the pension claim of Barbara Remmel, now living in Cleveland, O., as the dependent mother of Lawrence Remmel, late of Company F, Seventh Ohio Volunteers. The claimant's declaration for a pension was filed April 1, 1870, and thirteen years thereafter it was rejected on the ground that the claimant was not dependent upon the soldier's contributions for an adequate support at the date of his death. The soldier was killed at the battle of Taylor's Ridge, Ga., Nov. 27, 1863. The Assistant Secretary finds uncontradicted and unquestioned testimony that the claimant's husband, her only source of support since her husband's death, has not been physically able to earn an adequate living for himself and wife for over thirty years, and that they have been and are now very poor and needy. The testimony also shows that the son regularly turned over to his parents all his wages before his enlistment, and afterward contributed largely to their support. The Assistant Secretary says that a review of all the evidence on file renders it impossible to conceive upon what foundation or reason the former rejection was based. This rejection is reversed, and the pension granted. The claimant will receive about \$3.70 back pension, and \$12 per month hereafter.

INDIANA REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Their Reception Last Night Attended by Nearly Every Hoosier at the Capital.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The reception tendered by the Indiana Republican Club at the Army, to-night, was a grand success. Nearly every Hoosier in the city was present. There was music and dancing after the general reunion. The reception committee had perfect arrangements and they were perfectly executed. Among those present, and there were several hundred in the hall, were: Representatives Owen and Jason B. Brown and wives; Hon. J. N. Hutton, attorney-general; Miller, Hon. W. W. Curry, James W. Tyler, Professor J. L. Campbell, Daniel M. Ransdell, Jno. Leonard, M. D. Helm, Edward White, A. J. Halford, with their wives; Third Auditor Hart, Wm. B. Captain Furr, the Misses Curry, Mrs. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Robb, Judge Hayden, Gen. Sims Colburn, Mrs. Helen McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Cowing.

MINOR MATTERS.

Confirmations by the Senate Yesterday—Appointments by the President.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the secret session of the Senate this afternoon a number of consular and diplomatic nominations were confirmed, among them that of Solomon Hirsch to be minister to Turkey. The judiciary committee reported favorably the nomination of David J. Brewer to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Joseph R. Harrah, of Pennsylvania, to be United States marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Capt. L. G. Shepard, commanding the revenue steamer Rush, now at San Francisco, has been appointed chief of the revenue marine service.

Iowa Land Case Decided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Secretary of the Interior to-day rendered the decision in the case of S. M. Fairchild vs. the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company. The lands involved in this case were claimed by the railroad company by reason of the certification to the State to June 14, 1860, as indemnity lands under the act of July 12, 1862. The Secretary, however, holds this certification to have been erroneously made, and directs that a demand for relinquishment or reconveyance of the lands to the United States be made upon the company, in default of which suit will be recommended to set aside the certification.

Boundary Dispute Between Two States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Attorney-General Ayres of Virginia to-day made a motion in the Supreme Court asking leave, on behalf of the State of Virginia, to file a bill in equity against the State of Tennessee to settle the boundary dispute between the two States. It is asserted in the motion of Attorney-General Ayres that Tennessee unlawfully claimed lands in the State of Virginia, in default of which suit will be recommended to set aside the certification.

Special Pension Examiners Recalled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Commissioner of Pensions, Green B. Raum, to-day issued an order directing that forty of the 268 special pension examiners now in the field be recalled and assigned to duty in the Pension Office. The order states that the number of examination fields will be reduced, and their several boundaries extended so as to cover the entire country as now. General Raum says that this change is to increase the effective working force of the office, with a view to the determination of pending cases.

Fourth-Class Postoffices for Indians.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Fourth-class postmasters were appointed for Indians to-day as follows: Reelsville, Putnam county, G. L. Elliott, vice C. T. Zaring; Wiggins, Riverside, Fountain county, Laura E. Torr, vice Rebecca Brock; Wright's Corner, Dearborn county, F. Heppel, vice A. Elliott, resigned.

Stanley Conspicuous by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Secretary of State has sent the following cable dispatch to explorer Stanley, now at Zanzibar: I am directed by the President of the United States to tender to you the warmest congratulations on the success which has attended your long tour of discovery through Africa, and upon the advantages which may accrue therefrom to the civilized world.

Judge Cooley Again Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Chairman Cooley, of the Interstate-commerce Commission, has been compelled to again relinquish his duties here on account of sickness, and has returned to his home at Ann Arbor, Mich.

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—J. H. Muller, of Wabash, is at the Normandie.
The Treasury Department to-day purchased \$50,000 four per cent. bonds at \$1.27 flat, and \$6,000 four-and-one-half per cent. bonds at \$1.04 1/2.
A delegation of about twenty-five Indians arrived here last night, and will have a conference with Secretary Noble in a day or two, to talk over the agreement which they have entered into with the Sioux commission to cede their lands in the Dakotas to the government.
The Japanese minister here is sick, and is going home.

Corrupt Mormon Officials Arrested.

SALT LAKE CITY, U. T., Dec. 16.—City Marshal Solomon County Recorder Cannon, Selectmen Weiler, Briggs and Hampton, all Mormon officials, were arrested here this afternoon. There are six indictments against Solomon County Recorder Cannon, for embezzlement of public funds and conspiracy against each of the others, charging them with furnishing bonds to secure their appearance in the District Court on Saturday.

Failure at Detroit.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Minnie Wertheimer, doing business under the firm name of Wertheimer Bros., lost to-day filed chattel mortgages to secure creditors to the amount of \$60,000.

THOUSANDS of people have found in Hood's Sarsaparilla a positive cure for rheumatism. This medicine, by its purifying action, neutralizes the acidity of the blood, which is the cause of the disease, and also builds up and strengthens the whole body. Give it a trial.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

Arrest and Confession of the Boy Who Caused the Wabash Wreck at Kellar's.

He Spiked the Switch Out of Childhood Spite—Salvationist Wanted for Larceny—A Woman Who Claims Millions.

INDIANA.

Youthful Train-Wrecker Caught and Induced to Confess His Crime.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PRATT, Dec. 16.—William Marquis, a lad aged eighteen, was arrested at a district school to-day, a few miles north of this city, by chief detective Furlong and Collet, of the Wabash railway, charged with having caused the wreck of train No. 44, fast express east bound, at Kellar's, in October last, and in which no one was killed. The boy has confessed it as spite work, solely for being refused a ride from Wabash here, claiming he lost his ticket. He walked to Kellar's, and there spiked the switch, then proceeded to the depot, where he is a wealthy people. He was taken to Wabash jail this evening.

Dentist Found Dead.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
GREENCASTLE, Dec. 16.—Dr. J. W. Fulton, a retired dentist of this city, was found dead, yesterday morning, near his brother's residence, where it is supposed he had gone, as was his custom, while suffering from physical indisposition. He occupied rooms on an adjoining street, and had retired to rest, as appeared from the condition of his bed. His brother discovered his body in the middle of the street about daylight, having gone out to empty the ash-pail, and found the body lying on the ground for some time past, and his death is attributed to apoplexy. He was about sixty-six years of age, and unmarried.

Salvation Army Convert Arrested.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MUNCIE, Dec. 16.—Some weeks ago Charles Horn quit his relations with the Congregationalist Church, of which he was treasurer, and joined the Salvation Army. To-day the trustees of the Congregationalist Church got out a warrant for his arrest. Horn, who was a leader in the army corps, charging him with petit larceny, caused by his failing to account for \$100.00 on his departure from the church. He was arrested and taken before the police court, where he pleaded guilty; but, while in charge of a constable, made good his escape.

Christian Church Dedicated.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MOUNT GILEAD, Dec. 16.—The Christian Church in this place has just been completed, and was dedicated yesterday. It is built in modern style, and is among the best church houses in Benton county. The attendance was very large, and all the exercises were most satisfactory.
Rev. L. D. Carpenter, of Wabash, was minister of ceremonies. He preached the sermon and raised more than twice as much money as there was indebtedness against the house.

Trial of White Caps.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 16.—The celebrated White-cap case of Monroe county, brought here on change of venue, comes up for trial to-morrow. This is the case in which a Mr. Norman brings suit for damages against a number of prominent citizens near Bloomington. He claims to have been "white-capped" by them. The case was tried in the Monroe County Circuit Court in September, when the jury failed to agree.

Colored Preacher Threatened.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.
ROCKPORT, Dec. 16.—Rev. Dr. Taylor, a colored evangelist, who has caused considerable excitement among colored people by his scorching sermons, was left a bundle of sticks on Saturday night, with a note admonishing him to leave the town or suffer the consequences. The result is anxiously awaited.

Minor Notes.

Louis Anderson, a colored ex-convict, captured at Richmond, has confessed to robbing the postoffice at New Castle, Ind. Six horses were cremated, on Saturday night, in the burning barn of J. M. Warbritton, near Newmarket, Montgomery county.
Thomas Morton, of Anderson, has put in a claim to being the oldest pensioner on the rolls. He served in the Mexican and civil wars.
While walking across a trestle at Rochester, George W. Macraed, conductor of the Chicago & Atlantic, was struck by a train and dangerously injured.
William Callis, of Martinsville, was thrown from a freight train on the I. & V. on Saturday night, at Paragon, receiving a fracture of the thigh.
Martin McCree, a farmer, was at Edenburg yesterday in a road wagon, and while returning, and within one mile of his home, dropped dead from heart disease.
Dr. James A. Harper, a merchant at Shelby, made an assignment yesterday for the benefit of his creditors. Neither the assets nor liabilities are known at present.
The powder-burn carried by the famous Tomahawk has been presented to the U. S. A. R. by William Morris, of Lawrenceburg, son of the once noted "Indian Bill" Morris.
Eugene Wells, a small boy in jail for burglary at Kokomo, has made a confession implicating ten other boys, who were organized into two professional gangs of thieves.
Dick Keating, of Lafayette, and J. E. Carey, of Crawfordsville, will fight for a side, near the latter city, in the near future. Both believe themselves to be heavy-weight pugilists.
N. V. Vertig, living west of Edinburg, the latter part of last week, while passing through a corn-field, was attacked by two men, beaten severely and robbed of \$30. Suspicion rests upon two men, who are likely to be arrested for the crime.
Elijah Miller, who recently moved from Charlestown to Cementville, was knocked down by his daughter Jane, the other day, in a struggle to take from him his three little daughters, in order to place them in families where they would have good care.
William Kizer, of Marion, has been for months subjected to cowardly persecution by an unknown enemy. His property has been destroyed by incendiary fires, his fruit-trees were recently cut down during the night, and Sunday night, while walking along a railway track south of town, he was shot from ambush and seriously wounded in the arm.

Mary Ellen Hauser, aged eighteen, was seriously stabbed in the breast with a pair of scissors in the hands of her cousin, John Bennett, aged twelve. The girl's grandmother, Rachel Ann Haysdale, had attempted to correct her with her crucifix, and was thrown on a hot stove in the scuffle. She called for help and the boy answered, attacking the girl with the shears.

ILLINOIS.

A Monticello Man Sues for Possession of 300,000 Acres of Land.
Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MONTICELLO, Dec. 16.—Capt. Robt. M. Foster, who served in the One-hundred-and-sixteenth Illinois Infantry through the late war, has just discovered that his wife is the legal heir to 300,000 acres of land, lying in Virginia and Kentucky. He has entered suit in the federal court at Covington, Ky., to secure possession of the land, which, he thinks, will be worth twelve millions of dollars.

Brief Mention.

T. A. Sullivan, of Peoria, drew in a lottery, Saturday, the old hospital property of the city of Peoria, and was awarded \$10,000. The property is valued at \$10,000.
Willie Wilson, aged fifteen, while attempting to get upon the foot-board on the front end of a moving switch-engine, at Quincy, Saturday, fell and was literally cut in twain.
Superintendent of Public Instruction Edwards has issued a circular, to all coun-

ty school superintendents of the State, asking a report as to how the compulsory education law is working in the several districts.

Judge Hughes convened the Circuit Court at Decatur, Saturday, for one day, to receive the case of Harris vs. Joliet for six years. Harris was convicted last October. He died from the court-room, and was caught in Kansas.

The Hon. William M. Boyd, member of the Decatur board of education, Burrows & Co., an ex-county treasurer and a Knight Templar, died suddenly of apoplexy, in his bank, Sunday. He was found on the floor by book-keeper.

OBITUARY.

Karl Formes, a Famous Basso and Old-Time Favorite on the Operatic Stage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The famous basso, Karl Formes, died here yesterday of pneumonia, at the age of seventy-nine. He was one of the famous operatic singers in New York from 1855 to 1860. He was a close friend of Wagner and a favorite of King Ludwig, of Bavaria. He had lived here fifteen years, teaching vocal music. Last week he appeared in a small operatic company and sang with unusual animation.

Karl Formes was born in Muhlheim, Germany, Aug. 7, 1810. He received his early musical education in Cologne and Vienna and sang in church choirs till 1841, when he attracted attention in Cologne as a concert singer. His appearance in opera soon followed, and in 1843 he became a member of the Mannheim Theater. In 1844 he joined the opera in Vienna. Incautious expressions of sympathy with revolutionary movements caused his sudden retirement, and, after an engagement in Hamburg, he was invited to join a German operatic company in London, where, in 1849, he first performed in Drury Lane. In 1850 Formes became a member of the Italian opera at Covent Garden, and in the same year sang at the Philharmonic concerts. At this time it was the opinion of critics that for volume, compass and sonority, Formes's deep bass was altogether unequalled. In "Robert le Diable," "Don Giovanni," "The Barber of Seville," and "The Marriage of Figaro," he was in the vanguard of dramatic song. His stately presence and intuitively fine dramatic action added to the completeness of his representation. He was less in demand in singing the dramatic songs of Robert Franz, Schubert and other German composers, and in theatorios of Handel, Haydn and Mendelssohn. In 1851 he made his first appearance in Meyerbeer's "Robert le Diable," at the Academy of Music in New York. He sang with great success in the larger cities of the Union. After a time his representations suffered from carelessness, and a business affairs lacked proper management. His voice became impaired by frequent hoarseness and habitual flatness of intonation. These conditions lost him popularity, and he left this country for New York, where he spent a few years as a teacher of vocal music. Of late years Formes had resided principally in this country, and most recently in San Francisco.

Mrs. Joseph Tarkington.
GREENSBURG, Ind., Dec. 16.—Maria Tarkington, wife of Joseph Tarkington, died, at 10:15 o'clock this morning, at their residence a mile east of this city. The funeral will occur Wednesday, at 1 o'clock.
Mrs. Tarkington was the daughter of Simeon and Martha Slawson, and was born in Orange county, New York, Jan. 23, 1808. Her family moved to Indiana in 1818, and in 1819 settled nine miles north of Vevay, where her father and mother lived until they died—the former aged eighty-one and the latter eighty years. Of a family of eleven children she was the oldest, and leaves only two surviving her—Malinda Winchester, wife of Rev. John S. Winchester, of this city, and Matilda Welch, wife of Hon. Augustus Welch, of Lexington, Ind. She married Rev. Joseph Tarkington, Sept. 21, 1831, and at once entered upon the life of a courageous, helpful Methodist member of the church. She was a devoted mother on the farm where she died. Of seven children she left surviving her John and Mrs. Tarkington, Mrs. Daniel Stewart, of Indianapolis; John Alexander, of Milford; Dr. Joseph A. Tarkington, of Washington, D. C.; and Simpson Tarkington, of Tulare, Cal.

Dr. Seth Pancoast.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Dr. Seth Pancoast, a well-known homeopathist, died at his residence here, this morning, aged sixty-six years.

Seth Pancoast was a descendant of one of the three Pancoast brothers who came to this country with William Penn, and was born in Darby, Pa., July 28, 1823. He received a college education and went into business in 1843, but subsequently studied medicine. He had a remarkably successful career as a physician, and was successful in medical works on special diseases and on atomic subjects. He is best known, however, by his great researches into the literature of the "science of life," and in 1870, calculated the return of the seventh cycle of Trithemius, announcing that 1878 would see a strong revival of theosophy and kindred studies, a prediction that was fully verified.

Successful Operation Upon Lawrence Barrett.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—An entirely successful operation was performed upon Mr. Lawrence Barrett this morning, consisting of the removal of some lymphatic glands of the throat. For several months of protracted illness he has been suffering from a swelling of the glands, and although it did not interfere apparently with his work, it was considered best that the glands should be removed. The operation was a long one, but Mr. Barrett's general health is excellent, and he rallied splendidly from the ordeal. As soon as he was conscious he betook himself to Krugmarch, Germany, or some other European watering place for rest and recreation.

Baby Saved from the Flames by a Dog.

SCOTT CITY, Kan., Dec. 16.—The house of Charles Ford, a farmer, living about half a mile east of the city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. In the excitement Mrs. Ford forgot her baby until it was too late to safely return to the house, and she was held back by the flames. She was finally rescued by a dog, who barked and barked until she saw that she could not do so she called to her dog, a large Newfoundland, and told her to get the baby. The dog ran through the flames, and soon returned carrying the child unharmed in his teeth. The dog was finally burned about the hips, but not seriously.

Actor Throttled by a Bloodhound.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 16.—While a traveling troupe was playing "Uncle Tom's Cabin" last Saturday evening one of the bloodhounds suddenly sprang upon William Crandall, who was acting the part of Marks, the lawyer, and grappled with him. The infuriated beast was finally secured and the actor's wounds dressed by a physician called from the audience. The play was continued after the excitement subsided.

Sandbagged and Robbed of \$7,000.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Dec. 16.—Five men entered the express office at Brownwood, where they had been waiting for a train, and had pulled out for San Angelo last night and asked if an express package for John Johnson had arrived. The night clerk informed them that it had, and they proceeded to put his money in the safe. They then entered the office at his back and knocked him down, and he was unable to get up. They carried the money to a place where they could be tracked.

A Spendthrift Convicted of Theft.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Charles Farwell, a son of the late Judge Farwell, of Medina, pleaded guilty to-day to the charge of stealing \$10 from a Chinese laundry, and was sentenced to imprisonment for thirty days. Young Farwell had \$30,000 in his pocket, and he has a \$50,000 legacy due in a short time.

"Brewery."

A fine brewery for sale, convenient to a large city. Rare chance for a business man of capital. Address Box 17 P. O., Covington, Ky.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

Memorials, Resolutions and Bills Introduced in the Senate Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Among the various petitions and memorials presented in the Senate to-day was one for the passage of the pension law as prepared by the pension committee of the G. A. R.; one for the admission of Wyoming as a State; one in favor of the Blair educational bill; one from the Chicago Board of Trade for one-cent letter postage, and several for the passage of the Sunday-rest bill.

The House joint resolution for printing the agricultural report for 1888 was passed, with amendments, fixing the number of copies at 40,000 and appropriating \$300,000 for the cost.

Among the bills introduced and referred were the following:
By Mr. Stanford: For the relief of manufacturers of wine; for the establishment of a gun factory for the finishing of heavy ordnance on the Pacific coast, and for fortifications on the Pacific coast.
By Mr. Ingalls: For the allowance of cumulative pensions.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill granting arrears in certain pension cases. The bill provides that any person who has been granted a pension by a special act of Congress may apply to the Commissioner of Pensions, which shall be granted if, upon examination, it appears that the disability or injury was incurred while in the line of duty.

By Mr. Maudsloni: For woman suffrage in all the States.
Mr. Mitchell offered a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the judiciary committee to inquire and report whether Chinese laborers, who have never been in the United States, or who, having been, have since departed, may, under existing legislation, be permitted to enter the United States for the sole purposes of transit across the same, either with or without a passport, and whether, in such cases, the United States should be held responsible for the Chinese exclusion act of October, 1888, having reference to that act.

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Resolutions Passed by the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the House to-day Mr. McKinley, of Ohio, from the committee on ways and means, reported the resolution for the distribution of the President's message among the appropriate committees. The House went into committee of the whole, Mr. Burrows of Michigan being selected to preside, for the consideration of the resolution. Mr. Spinoia of New York objected to that clause of the resolution which provides that all matters pertaining to fortifications and coast defense be referred to the committee on appropriations. He offered an amendment providing that all matters relating to coast defenses be referred to the committee on military affairs. The committee then rose, and the resolution was accepted.

Mr. Henderson of Iowa, from the committee on appropriations, reported a bill appropriating \$150,000 to meet a deficiency in the appropriation for public printing and binding, and \$250,000 to meet a deficiency in the appropriation for the Census Bureau.

Mr. Bland of Missouri offered an amendment appropriating \$200,000 to enable the Superintendent of the Census to ascertain the number and amount of farm mortgages existing and unpaid in the various States and Territories, the number of persons who are owners of the house in which they live and the blacks employed on the premises. The bill was passed.

Mr. Boothman of Ohio, from the committee on education, reported the resolution for the payment to the widow of Neal S. Brown, late reading clerk of the House, a sum equal to one year's salary. Adopted.

Mr. Engle of Tennessee offered a resolution authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to offer a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and delivery to the marshal of the District of Columbia of C. S. Sillcutt, the cashier of the late Sergeant-at-Arms, the reward to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House. Referred.

Mr. Ingalls of Illinois introduced a bill to organize the Territory of Oklahoma. Mr. Perkins of Kansas, moved that the bill be referred to a special committee of thirteen members, who shall have complete jurisdiction of the question. He stated that in making this motion he had no desire to be chairman of the committee. After discussion the Perkins's resolution was laid upon the table—132 yeas and 100 nays—and the bill was referred to the committee on Territories, together with a bill on the same subject introduced by Mr. Baker of New York.

Mr. McKinley introduced a bill concerning collection of customs dues. It is a continuation of a bill introduced last year, which has figured before past Congresses. The basis is the old Hewitt administrative bill, which has been copiously amended by various bills introduced by Mr. McKinley from the last Senate tariff bill and the draft submitted by the Treasury Department to the last Congress, to which the bill is added, and since the bill was made by the present Treasury officials. The result is a bill of thirty-two printed pages of a technical customs administrative character.

Mr. Lacey of Iowa offered the following preamble and resolution:
Whereas, It is well known that a contest for a seat in the United States Senate was held in the State of Arkansas against C. R. Breckinridge, a sitting member.

When it is a matter of public notoriety that said Clayton, while engaged in taking testimony in said contest, was assassinated, and all further proceedings suspended, therefore,
Resolved, That the committee on elections be directed to inquire and report to this House whether the said Clayton was entitled to a seat in said contest, and they are authorized to send for papers and papers, if deemed necessary by the committee, for the investigation of said matter.

Mr. Breckinridge stated his reason for not offering the resolution himself. A short discussion followed, which was participated in by Messrs. Crisp, Lacey and Spinoia, and the resolution was adopted without division.

Mr. Coleman of Louisiana introduced a bill to establish a navy-yard and naval arsenal at New Orleans. The bill was referred, and the House adjourned.

Railway Accidents Near Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—An open switch at Oakdale, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois freight train broke into three parts, and a passenger train was derailed. The first reports of the accident were highly exaggerated, but upon investigation it was found that no one was seriously injured. The passenger train was derailed, and the first reports of the accident were highly exaggerated, but upon investigation it was found that no one was seriously injured.

Another accident happened on the Chicago & Northwestern, near Elmhurst. A long freight train broke into three parts, which became separated by considerable distances. When the fact was discovered the engineer reversed his engine and started back after the second section. He misjudged the speed at which he was approaching, and a collision was the result. The third section was wrecked on the basis of the other two, causing much damage. No one was hurt.

Argument in the Means-DeCamp Bank Case.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—The Means-DeCamp trial in the United States Court proceeded to-day with Judge Sage returning to the bench. After minor testimony by directors Roth, Duckworth and Gerke, the testimony was closed on both sides. At 11:45 A. M. the argument by the jury began.

Henry Hooper, assistant United States attorney, presenting the government's position. All the counsel six in number, will argue the case. The charge of Judge Hammond, will take nearly three days, so that the jury will not get the case before Thursday. The government expert, Mr. F. H. Hays, did not take the stand. The position of the government, as presented by Mr. Hooper, is that officers of

the bank were deceived by the false entries made by Means and DeCamp, and that directors and tellers, also, are such officers. They also claim that the intent to deceive is to be gathered from the acts of the parties and not from what may have been their motives in making the false entries. The defense claim no officer was deceived, and thought there was no intent to deceive on the part of the defendants, and that the government has entirely failed in sustaining its indictment. They confidently claim an acquittal.

PAN-AMERICAN DELEGATES.

Headed by Secretary Blaine They Make a Flying Visit to New York and Brooklyn.

New York, Dec. 16.—Secretary of State Blaine and the pan-American conference delegates reached Jersey City this afternoon, having left Washington this morning. The party numbered eighty-one people. Mrs. and Miss Blaine and the wives of many of the delegates accompanied them. Luncheon was served on the train, and no stops were made until the arrival at Jersey City. Waiting it were Cornelius M. Bliss, chairman of the general committee, Charles R. Flint and several other committeemen. Mr. Bliss extended a welcome to each of the delegates personally, and, with Mr. Mrs. and Miss Blaine, led the way to the carriage which had been waiting for the Blaine party. They were driven via the Desbrosses-street ferry to the Fifth-avenue Hotel. The remainder of the delegates took the ferry-boat for Cortlandt street, where Inspector Stone and two hundred patrolmen broke up the mounted police to keep back the crowds. Having taken their seats in the carriages, they were escorted to the City Hall by the mounted police. The delegates assembled in the Governor's room, where Mayor Grant, Comptroller Meyers and the balance of the committee stood ready to receive them. Mayor Grant, at a cutting address, in which he first cordially welcomed them, and said that it was to the interest of the Republic to maintain kindly relations with all the southern people, and that he was glad to see them here.

The Mayor's address was replied to by Senator F. C. C. Zegarra, of Peru, who said that it was his pleasing duty to assure his fellow countrymen that the Congress of the United States was greatly pleased to have them here. Under the escort of the police, they were driven to the Fifth-avenue Hotel. At dinner the party was taken to a reception at the Hamilton Hotel in Brooklyn, and others going to hear "Erminie."

RIOT IN A COLORED CHURCH.

Factional Fight, in Which Razors, Chairs and Hymn-Books Were the Weapons.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—The differences between the factions in the First Baptist Church (colored), of Kansas City, Kan., culminated to-night in a riot, in which two men were dangerously and quite a number seriously injured. One faction sided with the pastor, Rev. J. R. Jones, and the other opposed him. A meeting of the members of the church organization met to elect officers this evening. The pastor presided, but the anti-Jones faction outnumbered the pastor's supporters. Whenever a speaker rose hostile to the pastor's desires was made he would call on some brother to pray. After prayer the motion would be renewed, and the pastor would again interrupt the proceedings by calling for a prayer. He blocked business this way for two hours. Finally he called on C. W. Smith to pray. The anti-Jones faction was enraged by this time, and when the brother responded a shower of hymn-books and chairs greeted him. Then followed a general riot. The anti-Jones faction used and two negroes were seriously cut about the head and body. Their names are Benjamin Knight and another whose name was not given. The Jones faction finally left the church in possession of the enemies, who immediately organized and elected officers according to the plan the carrying out of which the Rev. Mr. Jones had interrupted by his novel method of filibustering.

COLOR LINE IN LABOR.

A Refusal to Discharge Colored Men Causes a Strike of White 'Longshoremen.'

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The 250 white 'longshoremen' employed at the National steamship-line pier, to-day demanded the discharge of the seventy-five colored men also employed there. The demand was refused and the whites left work, but hung around and made threats against the negroes. A reserve force of police was called out to guard against violence, but no unusual act was attempted. The company has secured thirty men to take the place of those who left and expects to complete the force to-morrow. Both the whites and blacks employed on the pier were non-union men.

Long and Stubborn Fight Expected.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Dec. 16.—About ten days ago Wallston & Adrian's miners, numbering nearly 1,300, held a meeting here and decided to strike if certain demands were not complied with. The company, according to a prior agreement, was entitled to a fourteen days' notice of a strike. The men immediately notified the company, and President Merchant promised to consider the matter, but since the company has been preparing for a strike by permitting the fires to die out